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GLBT Safe Zone training in demand

TARA KULASH
Daily Egyptian

At Monday's Safe Zone training, students were advised to listen to each other, learn about the gay-straight alliance, reflect on what they learned and respect each semester.

Safe Zone training is a program organized by Wendy Weinhold, coordinator for the GLBT Resource Center, to provide a safe and welcoming environments in the workplace, school and other places for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Weinhold, said SIUC is recognized as one of the nation's first and leading GLBT-friendly campuses. She said attendees can get a Safe Zone plaque after training to display they've been through the program.

Weinhold said she has seen an increase in requests for the training so far this semester.

"There's been a growing recognition of the value of identifying ourselves as progressive thinkers," she said.

Weinhold said she thinks the media attention to the repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell" — a law prohibiting GLBT people to be open about their sexuality in the military — also helped with awareness of the Safe Zone.

Amber Manning, a graduate assistant for University College, said while the training wasn't required of employees, she wanted it offered to them.

"It generates and fosters pertinent dialogue to the university community, and we really want to promote safe spaces for our students," she said.

Manning said because University College works primarily with first-year students, she thought it was a good opportunity for the new students to feel comfortable. She said she coordinated a few trainings last week and four this week for employees.

During the training Monday night at Neely Hall, Weinhold explained several terms associated with GLBT such as an ally, someone who supports the GLBT community.

She also explained while sex refers to the genitals a person has, gender refers to performance such as gestures, clothing, hairstyles and more. She said hate crimes in the past have been committed for reasons as small as a man sitting with his legs crossed or a woman wearing a baseball cap.

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CHRIS ZOELLER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

DECKIN' OUT THE DORM | Michael Griffiths, a freshman from Decatur studying zoology, browses through posters for sale Tuesday at the Student Center. The sale ends Friday at 6 p.m.

Increase of MAP grants would help students, SIU

LAUREN DUNCAN
Daily Egyptian

Like many students at SIUC, affordability impacted Aaron Thomas's decision to attend the university. Assistance from the state, though, made that decision possible.

The possibility of increased funding to the state-wide assistance program, Monetary Award Program, could benefit future SIUC students. For students such as Thomas, though, the grants already make a difference.

"They help a tremendous amount on my part," said Thomas, an undecided freshmen from Chicago. "I probably wouldn't be able to go here without them."

Less than two months after funds for the student assistance program were restored in December, Gov. Pat Quinn said in his state of the state address Feb. 1 more funding needs to be put into MAP scholarships. An increase in funding, university officials said, could help those who have been eligible to receive the award in the past but didn't because of lacking funds in the program.

SIU President Glenn Poshard

said he heard Quinn had proposed an addition of about \$50 million to MAP grant funding, which Poshard said would award funding to SIUC students who have not received MAP awards yet.

"I was heartened to hear the governor's declaration," Poshard said. "That might be the one chance we have to help additional students, and would certainly help our enrollment also."

In spring 2011, there were 1,598 SIUC students registered for the 2011-12 school year and eligible for the MAP award but did not receive one, said Terri Harfst, director of the financial aid office.

She said the average award was \$4,367.73. Close to 1,600 SIUC students may have been eligible for thousands of dollars that they did not receive due to the program's budget restraints.

Harfst said students who filed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid last year after March 25 were unable to receive the MAP grant because of limited funds. After the funding was released January after being restored in December, she said, the deadline to apply has been moved to April 8 this year, so some students who

were initially placed on the "suspended state" list for turning in a FAFSA after the date last year may now receive funding.

Thomas said because of the increased MAP funding, he was taken off the waiting list and will be eligible for funding this semester. He said without the funding, he would have had to find alternate sources to pay for school.

While Harfst said she sees how MAP grant funding directly affects students in the financial aid office, she said increased funding can also impact the university.

"It affects us in a positive way, because it makes the amount that students have to pay to go to school less," she said. "Anything that helps the state helps us."

One concern about the possibility of increased MAP grant funding, Poshard said, is where the money will come from.

In 2010, funding for MAP grants was cut to help cover the state budget deficit. In December

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2011, after students were told they may see cuts to their grants in later terms, the funding was restored. Yet many students in the state who qualified still did not receive the grant.

"While nearly 150,000 Illinois students received state MAP scholarships last year to attend college, just as many qualified applicants were denied because of lack of funding," Quinn said in his state address.

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In Friday's edition of THE DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story titled, "Facutly, staff concerned for program cuts," should have addressed Todd Winters as interim dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.



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The terms for sexual identity are constantly changing, though, Weinhold said, just like a person's identity changes.

"Who I am now is not the same as who I was three months ago," she said. "I certainly am not the same as I was a year ago. All of us have that privilege. We need to allow members of the GLBT community to have that privilege, too."

Sarah Self, a senior from Lafayette, La., studying university studies and a trainer for Safe Zone, said she wrote the new materials for the program.

"I'm a genderqueer and the old materials didn't really do a good job with that side of things," she said.

Self said she originally just wanted to update the genderqueer section but realized the whole terminology section was outdated, so she took on the job of updating them.

Attendees really like the terms section, she said, because they often have heard terms like GLBT

or transgendered but don't actually know what they mean. Self said the resident assistants especially are bewildered because students come out in the dorms or roommates have trouble with each other over sexuality differences.

"Even this simple one-hour training makes them feel like they have a right to say something," she said.

Self said reworking the material, as well as the aspect of public speaking, has been a great experience for her. The biggest benefit of the training, she said, is the plaque given out after because it makes the campus at large feel safer. She said it's important to know that Safe Zone training isn't the end of preparation for gay-straight alliances.

"Something we stress in training is that Safe Zone prepares you to be a listener," she said. "It prepares you to be an ally and to be there, but it doesn't make you an expert."

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Miranda Wright, a senior from Nashville studying architecture, and Chris Jackson, a senior from Deerfield studying zoology, participate in Safe Zone training Monday at Neely Hall. The training is sponsored by the GLBT Resource Center. According to the website, its goal is to identify non-judgmental and understanding allies for the GLBTQ community.

STEVE MATZKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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Poshard said he heard about the proposed increases from legislators. Although the funding would directly benefit students, he said he hopes the proposed increase doesn't create a choice between increasing the cash flow at the university and increasing funding

in programs like MAP.

"I don't know if we would be able to do both, but I hope we don't get caught in the middle of that situation," he said.

Poshard said David Vaught, director of the Illinois office of management and budget, was in Carverville Monday at John A. Logan College, where he said there has been a recent increase in state

revenue. Poshard said one thing the state must consider when revenue is received is whether it should pay bills or invest in programs.

Although Quinn's recent statement that the state will increase funding for MAP Grants may not be signed legislation, the impact of the program at SIUC may cause some recipients to hope the governor's remarks become reality.

According to information from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, which administers the program, the maximum awards for the 2011-12 academic year were reduced by five percent, from \$4,968 to \$4,720. Because of the restoration of the \$33 million in December to the program, that number was not further reduced. Yet the delays in funding last

fall, Poshard said, affected SIUC students.

"That funding is still leaving thousands and thousands of students who would otherwise qualify for the money ... without any funds," he said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Campus Police — Campus police arrested Jeremy Strong, an SIUC sophomore from Chicago, Feb. 1 at Schneider Hall for failure to appear at the Jackson County Courthouse because of an original charge of battery. Strong was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail, according to the Department of Public Safety crime log.

Campus police arrested Payne T. Charlesworth, an SIUC freshman from Northbrook, Feb. 1 at Schneider Hall for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Charlesworth was issued a Carbondale City notice to appear citations and released, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police issued Bill G. Bourkas, an SIUC freshman from Chicago, a Carbondale City pay by mail citation for possession of drug paraphernalia Feb. 1 at Schneider Hall. According to the crime log, he was released.

Campus police arrested Dornell D. Hicks Jr., a non-SIUC student from Chicago, Thursday at Neely Hall for failure to appear warrant out of Jackson County on an original charge of resisting arrest. Hicks posted \$575 cash bond, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police arrested Trevor Love, an SIUC freshman from South Holland, Thursday at Washington Street and Grand Avenue for a suspended driver's license. Love posted \$150 cash bond, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police arrested Dominique Keith, an SIUC freshman from Chicago, Thursday for domestic battery. Keith was transported to Jackson County Jail and the victim, also an SIUC student, did not require medical treatment, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police have referred an identified suspect to the State's Attorney's Office Thursday at Lincoln Drive at Thompson Point for an attempt to elude a police officer, reckless driving, and driving with out a headlight, according to the DPS crime log.

A wallet with \$650 cash was stolen at Steagall Hall Sunday. An investigation continues, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police arrested Danielle J. Gordon, an SIUC junior from Lindenhurst, Monday at Neely Drive and Logan Drive for a suspended driver's license. Gordon posted \$150 cash bond, according to the DPS crime log.

City Police — City police responded to a report of robbery Saturday in the 1300 block of S. Wall Street According to the report, three black males approached the victim as she was walking and stole her purse. The suspects were last seen fleeing the scene. City police

and the

Preparing for a performance



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rob Hopkins, right, of Murphysboro, practices violin Monday between rehearsals for two upcoming operas at McCleod Theater. On Friday, McCleod will premier two one-act operas, a ninety-minute adaptation of Bizet's "Carmen" and "Trial by Jury."

Department of Public Safety are still investigating the crime. The victim was not injured, according to the police log.

City police responded to two separate residences on the 300 block of S. Lake Heights Avenue on Saturday in response to reports of residential burglary. According to the police report, unknown suspects entered each residence between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. and stole private property. The investigation is ongoing, according to the police log.

City police reported Paige C. Allen, 16, and Donna M. G. Garcia, 15, missing Sunday. The two juveniles were last seen at a residence in the 1000 block of E. Park Street at 9:05 p.m. when they left on foot in an unknown direction. An investigation continues, according to the police log.

City police arrested Byron Thomas, Monday on the 500 block of E. Birch St. aggravated domestic battery, aggravated assault, and resisting a peace officer. According to the police report, Thomas was

April trial nears for man charged with murder

SHARON WITKE
Daily Egyptian

A Carbondale man charged with three counts of murder in September will be tried in April.

Matthew Jones, 18, of Carbondale was charged in September in connection with the shooting death of 20-year-old Deaunta Spencer in the 400 block of North Brush Street.

Another individual involved in the case, Jewlious Causey, 19, of Carbondale, was sentenced Jan. 25 to six years in prison after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to a report Thursday in the Carbondale Times.

Causey was not involved in the shooting, but he was in possession

of the stolen handgun used in the shooting, which he sold to Jones, according to testimony given at an October 2011 hearing.

The gun used in the shooting death of Spencer on Sept. 14 was stolen from Carbondale Police Chief Jody O'Guinn in June 2011, according to a Sept. 21, 2011 DAILY EGYPTIAN article.

In an incident report filed June 20, 2011, O'Guinn stated that his silver-colored Colt .380 semiautomatic handgun had been stolen from his personal vehicle.

The report was initially filed incorrectly as an animal control case. The data entry error later caused suspicion that a cover-up was involved in reporting the missing weapon.

In response, the city launched

an internal investigation into the police department's reporting procedures and concluded in October 2011 no attempt had been made to cover up the gun theft.

State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec announced in September the Jackson County Sheriff's Department would take over the investigation of the missing gun from the Carbondale Police Department, according to a Sept. 22, 2011 DAILY EGYPTIAN article.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department has not announced any results from its investigation.

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State’s strict eavesdropping law should be amended

Proposed bill would allow audio recordings of police officers in public

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Illinois has one of the strictest eavesdropping laws in the nation, but one state legislator is proposing a bill that could allow the recording of a police officer on the job in a public setting without the officer’s consent.

If the bill passes, it shouldn’t come as a surprise to anyone paying attention to headlines during the last year or so.

In August, a Cook County jury acquitted Tiawanda Moore, who had recorded two Chicago police officers on her smart phone when she believed they were bullying her into not filling a sexual harassment case against a patrol officer; and a Chicago street artist faces up to 15 years in prison if charged with recording audio of his 2009 arrest.

In September, a Crawford County judge dismissed eavesdropping charges against a man and ruled the law unconstitutional. The judge held that the law violated the man’s First Amendment rights to gather information about his case.

The ruling led to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan asking the state Supreme Court to address whether the law is unconstitutional.

If citizens already assumed they had this right, doesn’t that justify it becoming one?

It would be a major game changer for all parties involved, including police officers, citizens and journalists.

Officers could argue that the bill violates



their equal protection because they are being singled out for discriminatory treatment, but William Freivogel, director of the School of Journalism, said he doubts the argument is strong enough to win.

“Legislatures can sometimes restrict the rights of public employees in ways they could not restrict private employees. For example, the Hatch Act prohibits federal employees from participating in partisan political

activity, even though Congress clearly could not put such a restriction on a private person,” he said in an email. “Similarly, the legislature can potentially permit eavesdropping on police officers in public places without their consent even though the legislature does not permit eavesdropping on private people without their consent.”

Another argument against the bill is that audio recordings of police officers during an

arrest could be easily misinterpreted as abuse.

But if police officers perform in accordance to the law and are not using excessive force or other unlawful tactics to make an arrest, the argument is irrelevant.

I fully support the passing of this bill, but have one small concern: The wording doesn’t protect the citizens involved in the arrest.

Let’s say a police officer makes an arrest in a public place. A bystander pulls out his smart phone and begins recording. According to the proposed bill, the bystander has every right to record audio of the police officer since they are in a public setting. However, the recording would also capture audio of the person under arrest.

Does the person being arrested no longer have protection under Illinois’ two-party consent law? I’m curious to see how this scenario would play out in court.

A photographer can legally take photos of an arrest from a sidewalk, but capturing audio of the account is a far different story.

And speaking of photographers, the National Press Photographers Association fully supports the bill. The NPPA submitted comments to the Illinois General Assembly stating that Illinois’ current eavesdropping law has created a chilling effect upon free speech and free press and that the bill should immediately pass.

The law was first enacted in 1961 — more than half a century ago. So, in the words of Bruce Springsteen: It’s been a long time comin’.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIUC is no longer a top-party school

DEAR EDITOR:

Seetharaman Narayanan — this name won’t mean much to most people even if they could pronounce it correctly. That is, unless you are like me and find yourself staring at the loading screen of Adobe Photoshop more than once a day.

He happens to be the lead engineer at the most popular image processing software in the world. And he is a graduate of SIU.

I commend the DAILY EGYPTIAN for reporting on the difficulty for international students to get visas to study in the U.S., an exhausting

process not many Americans are aware of. The work International Programs and Services continue to do for the international student community certainly deserves recognition. Carla Coppi, its director, has personally helped me keep my documents in check and it’s refreshing to know SIU is doing something right.

But why did Seetharaman, a 2009 Photoshop hall-of-fame inductee, decide to get a graduate degree in computer science at SIU? The school was on the list of Playboy’s Top Party Schools in 1987.

It is no secret that, in the 25 years

since, the SIU administration has tried to suppress this image of a party school. Chancellors upon chancellors have recognized the best way to increase enrollment is to build new buildings and have what can only be deemed as the worst athletics program money can buy. If meteoric rises in tuition and fees are icing on the cake given to incoming freshmen, then classrooms with outdated equipment and an under-stocked library are the cherries on top.

In my four years at SIU, I have seen my services cut and my teachers disregarded, all the while the number

of administrators increase, especially in a certain building named after Susan B. Anthony that shall remain unnamed. But then again, the declining enrollment really may be a cyclical thing, based on 18-year-old birth rates.

Criticizing the university’s commitment to administrative excellence and academic mediocrity may seem fashionable these days, but that is not the trend I am trying to continue. Regardless of what my emails and letters say, SIU is no longer a top-party school. If anything, this has become a school of cover-ups and scandals.

Two and a half decades later, I honestly believe being named a top-party school is still the best thing to ever happen to the image of SIU, perhaps since the infamous “college” sweater. I am not the first to say that, and I certainly won’t be the last. But unfortunately there are those who would rather forget this legacy and in doing so, may have turned away the next Seetharaman — if he is not denied a visa, that is.

Ahmed Ali
senior from Maldives
studying aviation technologies

Parking “solutions” offered in Tuesday’s article are laughable

DEAR EDITOR:

Are you kidding, Kylie Brewer?

You are actually suggesting that “enrolling in 8 a.m. classes and even parking off campus” will save students from the frustration of not being able to find a parking spot?

In other words, we should

work our class schedules around the university’s lack of available spaces? In September, Brian Mager of the SIUC Parking Division was quoted in the DE stating “9,802 student parking decals were sold during fiscal year 2011” and continued with “8,050 of the 12,180 available parking

spaces on campus are designated for students.” Obviously, Ms. Brewer, you don’t have to deal with slow driving, parking-spot-seeking scavengers who creep up behind you in the lots.

Nor, unlike many students who don’t have 8 a.m. classes or prefer to park off campus, do you have to

become one of those scavengers.

Perhaps the school should just offer a class that covers the topic of “learning how to deal with things like parking,” because we clearly don’t understand why it should take twenty minutes to find a parking spot.

My advice to the school is this:

revamp and expand the parking lot next to the College of Engineering. It’s a crappy lot and there are never any spaces available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Brett Delaney
senior from Rochester, N.Y.
studying electrical engineering

Council votes chickens welcome in Carbondale

SHARON WITTKÉ
Daily Egyptian

Chickens may soon be roosting in the backyards of Carbondale. Roosters, however, will not.

Legislation allowing chickens within city limits passed with a 6 to 1 vote at the Carbondale City Council meeting Tuesday night, and the council discussed fiscal year 2013 funding requests from more than a dozen nonprofit community organizations.

Under the revised ordinance, the city will approve no more than 20 chicken coop licenses, and individuals may keep up to six chickens for egg production.

“No roosters allowed,” said Mayor Joel Fritzler.

Council members discussed

increasing the number of chicken coop licenses but agreed to address the issue after one year.

“If it’s working out well, that limit of 20 can be raised at a future time,” Councilman Don Monty said.

Applications for chicken coop licenses will be available at City Hall on April 1.

The council’s action culminated nearly two years of work by the city’s sustainability council and the planning commission. Members of both committees researched other communities’ chicken regulations.

“There are literally hundreds of cities in the United States that allow chickens to be raised,” said Councilman Lee Fronabarger.

Councilwoman Corene

McDaniel cast the sole vote against the proposal. She said when people figure out the cost of building coops and maintaining chickens, they will realize they can go to the local farmer’s market and buy their eggs for less.

She also said people won’t know what to do with all the eggs once the chickens start producing them.

“I grew up with chickens, I raised chickens and I know about chickens,” McDaniel said.

Council members also discussed at the meeting, funding requests from nonprofit community organizations, and members from those groups voiced their support for the funding they receive from the city.

Fritzler proposed reallocating more than \$100,000 from the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau to help support other civic organizations.

He said he would like to provide some of that money to Carbondale Community Arts, Carbondale Main Street and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Fritzler said the city’s funding for Carbondale Main Street has been whittled back over the past few years and that an attractive Main Street enhances the impression visitors form of the whole city.

Carbondale Main Street director Meghan Cole said she would put the additional money



JESSICA TEZAK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Corene McDaniel, a member of the Carbondale City Council, expresses her opposition Tuesday, toward a movement for it to be legal to cage chickens within the city limits. McDaniel said that she grew up with chickens, raised them and knows them and that is why she voted against the ordinance.

toward landscaping the downtown area. She said the funding was long overdue.

Fritzler said he’d also like to use reallocated funds to employ a full-time street sweeper and to pay overtime to police officers for special events, both official and unofficial.

Debbie Moore, the executive director of the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, said she came prepared to make a presentation about CCTB’s funding and to answer questions. She presented reasons why she thought funding for CCTB should remain at the same level.

She said her organization helped Carbondale increase the

amount of money it received from tourism through its aggressive marketing program.

“That’s really what we’re all about — marketing to the outside world,” Moore said.

The council approved the new labor agreement between the city and the police department and approved the city’s reimbursement to Coleman Rental Properties for a portion of the cost of remodeling and construction of a 2,400 square feet addition at 210 East Walnut Street.

Sharon Wittke can be reached at swittke@dailyegyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 266.

CITY COUNCIL VOTES		
ITEMS ON AGENDA	YES	NO
Resolution Approving a Redevelopment Agreement Using Tax Increment Financing at 210 East Walnut Street	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance Adopting a Labor Agreement Between the City of Carbondale and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #192 and the Illinois State Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment Relative to Allowing Chickens Within the City Limits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Kevin Martin, an SIUC grounds department employee of four years, works on a condensate leak Tuesday near Parkinson Laboratory. In order to repair the leak, the pipes must be dug up. The condensate pipes carry steam from the power plant into the buildings to heat them.

History expert pleads guilty to stealing documents

SARAH BRUMFIELD
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A memorabilia collector and self-styled expert on presidential history pleaded guilty Tuesday to conspiring to steal thousands of documents signed by leaders throughout U.S. history.

Barry Landau, whose knowledge of the White House earned him network morning show appearances, acknowledged in the plea to taking documents from the Maryland Historical Society and conspiring with his assistant to steal historical documents from several institutions with the intent of selling them.

Thousands of documents were seized from Landau's artifact-filled Manhattan apartment. Prosecutors say he schemed for years, if not decades, to steal valuable documents signed by historical figures from both sides of the Atlantic including George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Marie Antoinette, and Charles Dickens. The oldest document listed in the plea was dated 1479.

The assistant pleaded guilty in October to the same charges: theft of major artwork and conspiracy to commit theft of major artwork. The pleas capped a case that was a wake-up call for archives and historical institutions nationwide

to strengthen their security, prompting checks for visits by the pair and whether anything from historical collections was missing.

David S. Ferriero, archivist of the United States, said in a statement Tuesday evening that, "I am outraged that Mr. Landau, who fashioned himself as a Presidential historian, violated the public trust at many of our nation's greatest historical repositories."

Landau, 63, and Jason Savedoff, 24, were arrested last July in Baltimore after alert Maryland Historical Society staffers realized something was off about the pair who plied staffers with cookies and portrayed themselves as uncle and nephew.

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Associated Press

BYRON, Ill. — A northern Illinois nuclear plant is back up and running after a reactor lost power and shut down last week.

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Station began producing electricity at about noon Tuesday after it was reconnected to the electrical grid.

An outage on Jan. 30 started when an electrical insulator failed and fell off the metal structure it was attached to. That interrupted power and caused the reactor

to automatically shut down as a precaution.

Exelon says technical experts did hundreds of maintenance and inspection tasks while the unit was offline.

The Byron Generating Station is about 95 miles northwest of Chicago.

Cabbie pleads guilty in terror case

MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A Pakistani-born Chicago taxi driver who prosecutors say could be heard on FBI wiretaps discussing a plan to bomb a stadium pleaded guilty Monday to attempting to send money to a Pakistani-based terrorist with alleged ties to al-Qaida.

Standing before a federal judge in an orange jumpsuit and his ankles shackled, Raja Lahrasib Khan, 58, said he was pleading guilty to one count of two counts of attempting to provide material support terrorism. As part of the plea deal, prosecutors dropped the other count.

The agreement recommends a sentence of between five and eight years, well short of the maximum 15 years for a conviction of a single count of providing material support. A sentencing date was set for May 30, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Outside court, defense attorney

Thomas Durkin said finding jurors who could give his client a fair trial would have been difficult, suggesting that was one reason Khan accepted the deal with prosecutors.

"The word 'al-Qaida' scares the bejesus out of people and that's all (jurors) have to hear," he said. "But it was a difficult case ... and the (agreement) was fair under the circumstances."

Prosecutors did not speak to reporters after Monday's hearing.

Khan was arrested in 2010 and accused of taking steps to send cash to Pakistan-based terrorist leader Ilyas Kashmiri after Kashmiri indicated he needed money to buy explosives. Khan, prosecutors said, believed Kashmiri was getting his orders from Osama bin Laden.

Khan, who became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1988, sent \$950 in 2009 to an individual in Pakistan for delivery to Kashmiri; he also took \$1,000 from an undercover agent and said it would

be used to buy weapons and possibly other supplies, prosecutors alleged.

A 35-page complaint affidavit filed after Khan's arrest also accused him of discussing the possibility of planting bags of bombs around an unspecified stadium, saying in one wiretap, "Put one bag here, one there, one there ... you know, boom, boom, boom, boom."

Khan, though, was never charged with such an attempted attack as prosecutors focused instead on allegations the he sent money intended as aid for Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, al-Qaida

"I believe everyone came to a conclusion that he was not an imminent danger," Durkin said.

As he entered the Chicago courtroom Monday, the bald, bearded Khan blew a kiss to his wife sitting on a spectators' bench, and she returned the gesture. Khan leaned into a courtroom lectern as the judge asked him if he understood the implications of pleading guilty.

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No cigar: Embargo on Cuba turns 50

PETER ORSI
Associated Press

HAVANA — When it started, American teenagers were doing “The Twist.” The United States had yet to put a man into orbit around the Earth. And a first-class U.S. postage stamp cost 4 cents.

The world is much changed since the early days of 1962, but one thing has remained constant: The U.S. economic embargo on communist-run Cuba, a near-total trade ban that turned 50 on Tuesday.

Supporters say it is a justified measure against a repressive government that has never stopped being a thorn in Washington’s side. Critics call it a failed policy that has hurt ordinary Cubans instead of the government.

All acknowledge that it has not accomplished its core mission of toppling Fidel and Raul Castro.

“All this time has gone by, and yet we keep it in place,” said Wayne Smith, who was a young U.S. diplomat in Havana in 1961 when relations were severed and who returned as the chief American diplomat after they were partially re-established under President Jimmy Carter.

“We talk to the Russians, we talk to the Chinese, we have normal relations even with Vietnam. We trade with all of them,” Smith said.

“So why not with Cuba?”

In the White House, the first sign of the looming embargo came when President John F. Kennedy told his press secretary to go buy him as many H. Upmann Cuban cigars as he could find. The aide came back with 1,200 stogies.

Kennedy announced the embargo on Feb. 3, 1962, citing “the subversive offensive of Sino-Soviet communism with which the government of Cuba is publicly aligned.”

It went into effect four days later at the height of the Cold War, a year removed from the failed CIA-backed Bay of Pigs invasion meant to oust communism from Cuba and eight months before Soviet attempts to put nuclear missiles on the island brought the two superpowers to the brink of war.

Washington already had some limited sanctions in place, but Kennedy’s decision was the beginning of a comprehensive ban on U.S. trade with the island that has remained more or less intact ever since.

Little was planned to mark Tuesday’s anniversary, but Cuban-American members of Congress issued a joint statement vowing to keep the heat on Cuba.

Supporters of the policy acknowledge that many U.S. strategic concerns from the 1960s have been consigned to the dustbin

of history, such as halting the spread of Soviet influence and keeping Fidel Castro from exporting revolution throughout Latin America. But they say other justifications remain, such as the confiscation of U.S. property in Cuba and the need to press for greater political and personal freedoms on the island.

“We have a hemispheric commitment to freedom and democracy and respect for human rights,” said Jose Cardenas, a former National Security Council staffer on Cuba under President George W. Bush. “I still think that those are worthy aspirations.”

With just 90 miles (145 kilometers) of sea between Florida and Cuba, the United States would be a natural No. 1 trade partner and source of tourism. But the embargo chokes off most commerce, and the threat of stiff fines keeps most Americans from sunbathing in balmy resorts like Cayo Coco.

Cuba is free to trade with other nations, but the U.S. threatens sanctions against foreign companies that don’t abide by its restrictions. A stark example arrived off the coast of Havana last month: A massive oil exploration rig built with less than 10 percent U.S. parts to qualify under the embargo was brought all the way from Singapore at great expense, while comparable platforms sat idle in U.S.

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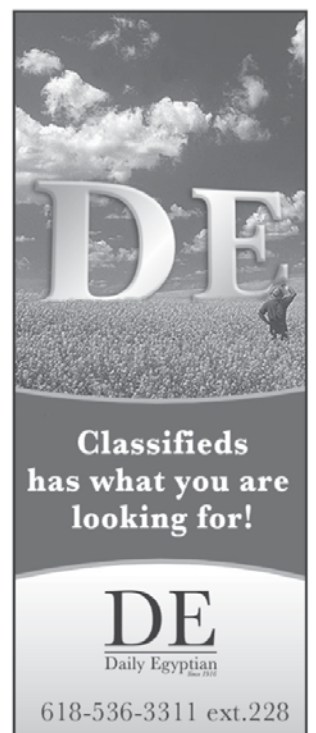
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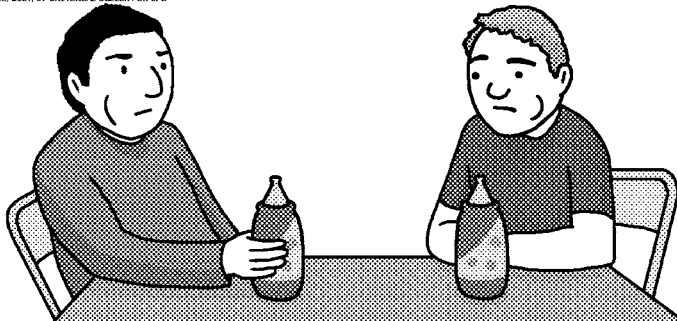
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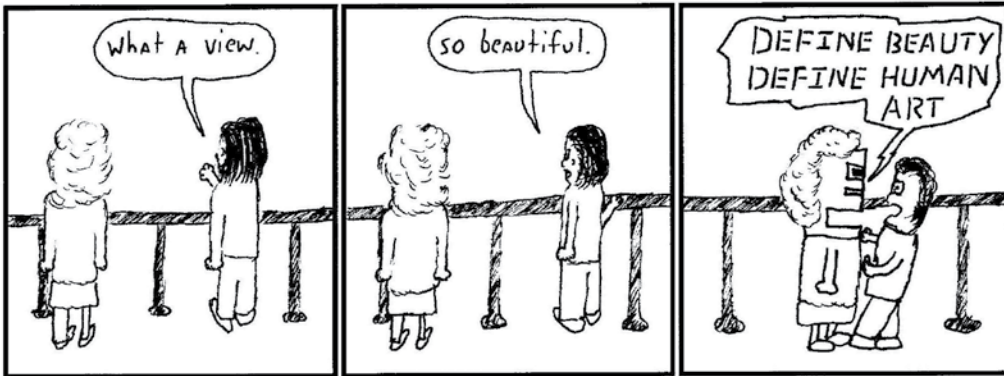
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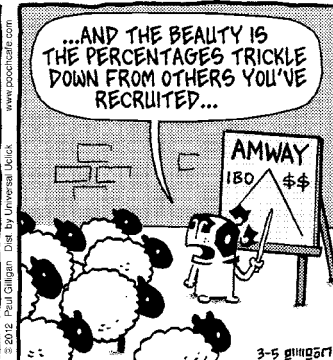
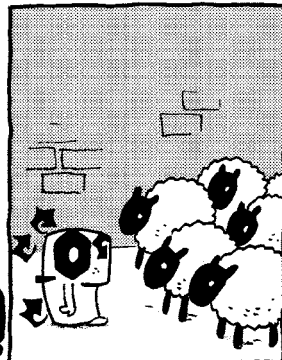
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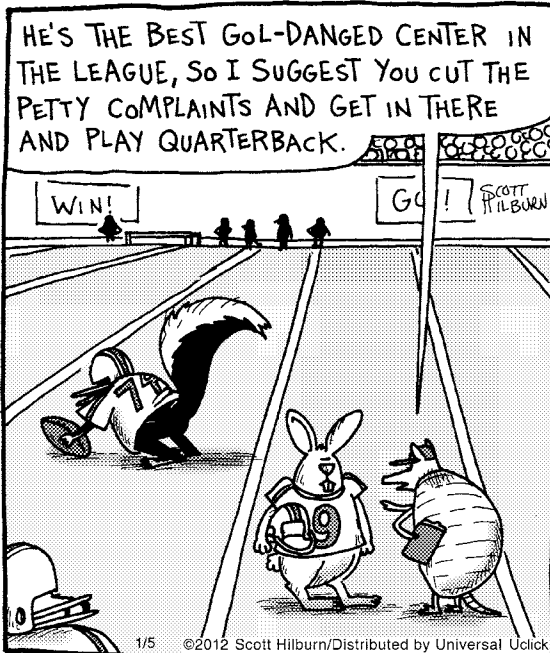
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- 1 Soul Asylum "Let Your ___ Light Shine"
- 4 Van Morrison "___ de Sac"
- 7 What a bad album takes
- 11 Andrews Sisters "Rum And Coca-___"
- 12 Biography facts
- 13 Pass: Access All ___
- 15 "Helicopter" English rockers
- 17 Back in
- 18 Guided by Voices (Abbr.)
- 19 "___ we get a little crazy" Seal lyric
- 21 Harry Connick, Jr. "It ___ to Be You"
- 22 "So ___ Miss American Pie" (repeated lyric)
- 23 "___ Tissue"
- 24 Kenny Chesney "Ten With ___"
- 27 Beatles "Maggie ___"
- 28 Oops, she had a career
- 30 "Songs for the Restless" rockers
- 33 "Where Eagles ___" Iron Maiden
- 36 Place in "November Rain" video
- 38 Laser light
- 39 Simple Plan "Your Love is a ___"
- 40 1945 Parker and Gillespie bebop kickoff
- 41 Alice in Chains "Them ___"
- 43 "Highway to Hell" band
- 45 Musician home runs
- 46 Panic! at the Disco "___ the Afternoon"
- 48 "Let's Call the Whole Thing ___"
- 50 Blues singer James
- 51 Damon Albarn British band
- 53 Record group Sony acquired in '88
- 56 "Runaway" Shannon
- 58 "North ___ Drive"
- 60 "Fool (If You Think It's Over)" Chris
- 61 Sevendust song about a clutch?
- 64 Crowded House "Hey now, ___ it's over"
- 66 "Butterfly Rocket" Nikka
- 67 Gains a bassist
- 68 Listening devices
- 69 Snow Patrol "___ Your Eyes"
- 70 One of "Lady Marmalade" reworkers
- 71 "Crush" synth-poppers, briefly

DOWN

- 1 System to reduce background noise
- 2 R.E.M. "The One ___"
- 3 Fleetwood
- 4 Otis Redding's pal Thomas
- 5 Sing, without feeling?
- 6 "He ___ in the Reins" Iron & Wine
- 7 Thin Lizzy "Whiskey in the ___"

- 8 Johnny Mathis "Chances ___"
- 9 "Stolen Car" English singer/songwriter
- 10 Fleetwood Mac "Tusk" hit
- 11 Venue Ramones used to rock
- 12 What your drunk self did on floor
- 14 "Speak English or Die" band (Abbr.)
- 16 "Lump" band, for short
- 20 1992 Alice in Chains EP
- 25 The Kinks "Have a Cuppa ___"
- 26 Dire Straits "___ Life"
- 27 The Drifters "This Magic ___"
- 28 What The Roots planted in "2.0"
- 29 Yellowcard "For Pete's ___"
- 30 Righteous Brothers "___ Tide"
- 31 John Mayer song about an advertising sign?
- 32 Bauhaus/Love and Rockets guitarist
- 34 "Abbey Road" engineer Parsons
- 35 Ocasek of The Cars
- 37 Icelandic band Sigur ___
- 42 Tokio Hotel "Ready, ___, Go!"
- 44 We Are Scientists "That's What ___"
- 47 "Here ___ (Come and Take Me)" UB40
- 49 "I'm Too Sexy" Right Said ___
- 51 "The Yellow Rose" Lane
- 52 Singer Ronstadt
- 53 Eric Clapton band
- 54 ZZ Top drummer, oddly enough
- 55 The Killers "___ Town"
- 56 Geffen's '90-'99 label
- 57 Metalers Demise of ___
- 59 U2 bassist, familiarly
- 62 Stones keyman (Abbr.)
- 63 "Best Shot" Benatar
- 65 ___ Speedwagon

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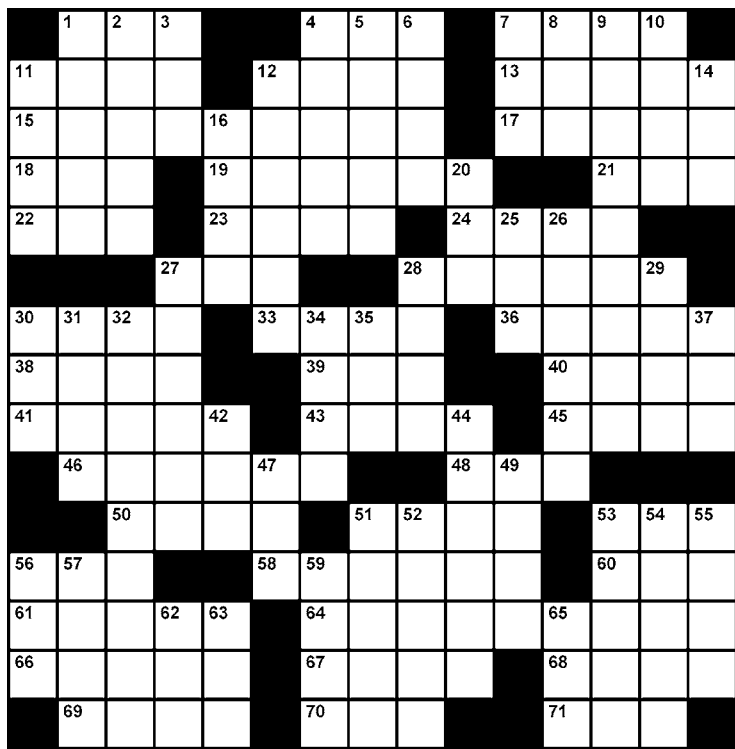
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1 Household task
6 June 6, 1944
10 Manhandle
14 Purple shade
15 ___ model; one to be imitated
16 Grenades and bombs
17 Microwaves
18 ___ up; freezes
19 Weeps
20 Stationary computers
22 Ripen
24 Polishes off
25 Kodak products
26 Surrounded by
29 Hermit
30 Allow
31 Hollers
33 Giraffes' distinctive features
37 Walkway
39 Public uprisings
41 "Been there, ___ that"

DOWN

1 Lump of dirt
2 Bee colony
3 Bullring shouts
4 Placed in order of importance
5 Great joy
6 Faucet problems
7 Holliday and Severinsen
8 Guinness ___; popular stout
9 Toady
10 Learned well
11 Western writer Louis L'___
12 Shadow
13 Is defeated
21 Furry swimmer
23 Prayer closing
25 Expenses
26 European mountain range
27 Beef or pork
28 TV's "Leave ___ Beaver"
29 Actor Bridges
32 Approximately one quart
34 Young horse
35 Patella's place
36 Bodies of water
38 Beer made in the cellar, e.g.
40 Not smashed
43 Bird of peace
45 "No, No, ___"
48 Rats and mice
50 ___ Security Number
51 Mistaken
52 Person
53 Bush's follower
54 Equestrian
56 ___ out; allot
57 Record
58 Mr. Severeid
59 Move quickly
62 "___ to Billy Joe"

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Virgo — Today is an 8 — Don't stress too much, or at all, if things are not going right. They're about to take a turn for the better. Listen to the wisdom of a good friend.

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Sagittarius — Today is a 7 — You're becoming more popular. Plan an activity night at home sometime soon. You can profit from a new partnership. Double-check your schedule, and keep it.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — You'll find more relaxation at home, but you should attend an event with friends and/or family. A partner's encouragement is welcome.

Aquarius — Today is a 9 — You've got the motivation to study with passion. Don't worry if hopes get challenged now. Keep your eye on long-term goals, and persist. Love prevails.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — Find renewed energy in a surprising place. There's so much to explore through every step. Go for your dreams, but beware of mirages. Test your steps for solid ground.

Scheduling a mess for men’s basketball

JOE RAGUSA
Daily Egyptian

The travel schedule for the men’s basketball team has started to wear on the players, said coach Chris Lowery.

“It’s not always about the game,” Lowery said. “It’s about being able to come back that night and the next day being able to practice and being able to be in your own bed.”

The Missouri Valley Conference picks the conference schedule, so SIU had almost no say in how its schedule looked from Dec. 27 to the end of the regular season, said athletic director Mario Moccia.

The problems with the conference schedule started immediately for SIU. Lowery said when the Salukis came back from the Diamond Head Classic in Hawaii Dec. 26, they had one day of practice before they went to Evansville Dec. 29 and subsequently lost 78-60.

Moccia said the conference schedules are drawn up by the MVC with help from each of its member schools. The dates for conference play to start were Dec. 28 to 29, and Moccia said he let the MVC know SIU wanted a home game at the later date due to its trip back from the Diamond Head Classic.

Moccia said the MVC helped SIU as much as possible by putting the Salukis on the later game, but the only one available was an away game at their nearest conference rival.

“We would love to get a home game on (Dec. 29), but I don’t control that, the league controls that,” Moccia said. “That was one of the rare times where we would have input on the games, but we sure didn’t get what we want. I guess we got half of what we wanted.”

Lowery said the schedule really piled on during a week-long stretch Jan. 15 to 21 when the team lost on the road to the Missouri Valley Conference’s top two opponents, Creighton and Wichita State, with an overtime loss at home against Drake sandwiched between the two.

“It’s hard to practice. We’ve had two three-day trips in a week,” Lowery said Jan. 23, two days after the 85-42 loss to Wichita State. “It was

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The MVC sends out suggestion forms to each of its member schools in August, Moccia said, so the conference knows what each school is doing during the basketball season and how it would prefer its schedule to pan out.

The Valley has to deal with those suggestions from all ten member schools with men’s basketball, so Moccia said it is almost impossible to make a schedule that works for everybody.

Sports information director Tom Weber said the conference has a locked-in 18-game schedule for basketball with start and end dates, Dec. 28 to Feb. 25 this season.

Moccia said the assistant coaches do most of the work to organize non-conference games with area teams and non-conference rivals. Moccia was involved in the scheduling of a few, such as the Nov. 15 contest against Saint Louis University.

Moccia said he focused on SIU’s presence in national tournaments, such as the Diamond Head Classic, this season.

“For our long history of making the tournament, playing on ESPN, we got to be a known commodity,” Moccia said. “Certainly, we have dipped from a performance standpoint since the days we were making regular appearances on (ESPN), but we’ve maintained our network with them.”

SIU is locked into a two-year contract to appear in tournaments hosted by ESPN such as the Diamond Head Classic this season and the Charleston Classic next season.

Moccia said networking with schedulers and promoters such as ESPN and other organizations helps land the Salukis in tournaments or other televised special events, such as when SIU held its first game in the new

SIU Arena against Northeastern Nov. 16, 2010, as part of ESPN’s 24-hour basketball marathon to start the season. Moccia said he called Ann O’Conner, a former events scheduler for ESPN, and pitched her the idea of opening the new SIU Arena on national television.

“She said they only had the 9 a.m. game, but on the main network,” Moccia said. “I took it to campus, and said here’s the opportunity, but they said students were in class. We kind of weighed that stuff for a two-hour commercial on national TV, and the institution thought it was a good deal.”

Moccia said the national TV appearances don’t always have a significant payout for the university, but SIU usually has its travel and food expenses paid for, along with the added promotion of playing for millions on TV.

The school almost lost money when it entered the 2K Classic in 2008. Four teams, SIU, Duke, UCLA and Michigan, played in the nationally televised tournament in Madison Square Garden, but there was a preliminary round when the four teams played two other teams to decide who played in New York.

SIU hosted the University of Massachusetts and Division II California University of Pennsylvania. Moccia said the university worked out a deal with the tournament promoter to give the promoter a portion of the season ticket and regular ticket sales for the two games in return for the chance to play on ESPN.

With SIU down 15 to UMass in the first half of its Nov. 12, 2008 matchup, the chance to go to New York was slipping away.

“That cost us about \$90,000. You know how bad I was sweating it when we were losing to UMass by 15?” Moccia said. “Once we advanced, they paid for our travel and hotels, which is expensive in New York, and we were

“Hell” Week

Schedule of the men’s basketball team’s hectic week of January 14 through January 22.
Approximate time and date the team left for Omaha: 1 p.m., Jan. 14
Any practices between then and the game against Creighton: Practice at 9 a.m. Jan. 15
Game against Creighton: 6:05 p.m. Jan. 15, SIU loses 90-71
When the team left for Carbondale: 6 a.m., Jan. 16
Any practices between then and the game against Drake: 3 p.m. Jan. 17 and 18
Game against Drake: 7:05 p.m. Jan. 18, SIU loses 75-68 in Overtime
Any practices between then and when the team left for Wichita: 3 p.m. Jan. 19 and 20
When the team left for Wichita: 8 a.m. Jan. 20
Any practices before the Wichita State game: 11 a.m. Jan. 21
Game against Wichita State: 7:05 p.m. Jan. 21, SIU loses 85-42
When the team left for Carbondale: 4:30 a.m. Jan. 22

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guaranteed two nationally televised games. It was worth the risk.”

The tournaments help add games to the NCAA limit of 29 games per season. Tournaments are considered “multi-team events,” which means they count as just one game on the schedule, even though a school can play several games in a tournament.

Moccia said even though the school has some control with its non-conference schedule, scheduling, as a whole, is a headache.

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SIU rugby competes for national title in Las Vegas

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senior rugby player

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SIU sets itself apart from the other 32 teams entering the USA National 7s Rugby Tournament as the only Registered Student Organization in a pool of Division 2 schools.

“Every other team has the money to give out a partial or full scholarship,” said rugby club president Daniel Lowery.

In the club’s first bout of the tournament Thursday in Las Vegas, SIU will go head-to-head with the University of Utah, the defending Division 2 national champion.

There will be three days of round robin play at Las Vegas’s Silver Bowl Sports Complex, with SIU going up against either Regis University of Colorado or Michigan’s Davenport University Friday.

SIU rugby qualified for the national tournament last year with a first-place finish at the Midwest Collegiate Rugby Showcase in Wisconsin.

“We can’t go to Nevada anticipating a loss,” said Sam Pellegrino, senior rugby player. “We made it to playoffs last season for the first time in 15 years, we have a lot of returning seniors, and we’re ready to get out there and compete.”



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Robert Reyes, a senior from Fox Lake studying aviation technologies, prepares for a scrum — similar to a football huddle — Monday at the Recreation Center. Reyes said he has been playing rugby longer than most of the guys, so he helps coach as well as plays with the team. The rugby club’s 15 members are headed to Las Vegas for the National 7s Rugby Tournament Feb. 8 to 11. Dan Lowery, club president, said this is the best club rugby team in 40 years.

Although Division 2 rugby teams consist of seven players, eight players less than Division 1 schools, Division 2 consists of some Ivy League schools.

“Teams like UCLA, Yale, Stanford and Brown all compete on the same stage with SIU,” Lowery said. “We have just as good of

a chance to walk away national champions as any of them do.”

Ben Cybulsky, former club president, said the team’s focus seems to be in the right place despite excitement for a trip to Las Vegas.

“We’re going to this tournament to win,” Cybulsky said. “After we do the absolute best

we can all three days, we have the rest of the weekend to hang out in Vegas before coming back to southern Illinois for school on Monday.”

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Senate candidate can’t escape sports scandals

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AUSTIN, Texas — In the sports world, Craig James was a star football player for Southern Methodist University and the New England Patriots. He later became a household name in Texas as a television analyst for ESPN.

Now that he’s running for the Senate, James can’t separate his Republican politics from football, which accounts for nearly all of his name recognition. But drawing attention to his athletic exploits also means revisiting a pair of well-known scandals going back to the 1980s.

So instead of fielding public-policy questions, he must constantly fend off comments about how he took improper payments at SMU and played a role in firing a popular Texas Tech coach.

“I’m ready to move on,” James, now 51, said last week in an interview at an Austin restaurant. It won’t be

easy in a state where football inspires almost religious devotion, and fans cling to long memories.

James, who has never run for office, says his years as a small-town rancher, businessman and dad make him an ideal candidate to bring common sense to Washington. His rookie campaign sticks to broad conservative talking points: attacking President Barack Obama on the federal health care law, protecting the Constitution, cutting off illegal immigration and easing regulations on business.

Recent polls have shown him far behind his rivals, and his negative ratings among Texans are twice as high as his positives.

“The negatives are coming at him from multiple sources,” said Austin political consultant Bill Miller. “This is the deal with scandal: If it comes out early and you can get it behind you, you can survive. If it always stays in front of you, it’s a killer. He’s got to get it in a rearview mirror.

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James played at SMU from 1979 to 1982 and was a major part of the record-setting “Pony Express” backfield with Eric Dickerson. The Mustangs won Southwest Conference championships in 1981 and 1982, but the team was also embroiled in several NCAA investigations.

In 1987, the NCAA hit SMU with the so-called “death penalty” for repeated infractions, shutting down the program for a year after concluding that the school continued to pay players, even after a 1985

promise to stop. SMU also chose not to play in 1988.

James had already been gone from SMU for several years when the penalty was imposed, but he acknowledges taking “insignificant amounts” while playing there. He says he can’t remember how much or who gave it to him. He dismisses it as the mistake of an 18-year-old kid who wasn’t mature enough to say no.

He and his teammates were “the highest-profile people they’ve ever seen play at SMU,” James said. But “I don’t have anything to run from or hide from. It is what it is.”

He’s also partly responsible for why an NCAA investigation from the 1980s is still dogging him today.

James helped publicize the 2010 ESPN documentary “Pony Excess,” which dusted off the scandal for fans who didn’t know about it or had forgotten the details behind college football’s most famous corruption case.

James’ past also raises doubts among many Texas Tech fans who blame him for the 2009 firing of coach Mike Leach. James complained to school administrators that Leach mistreated his son Adam, a former Red Raiders player, by twice ordering him to stand for hours confined in a dark place after he got a concussion.

Leach denies mistreating the younger James and has said Craig James was a meddling dad who badgered coaches to get his son more playing time. Leach also contends an \$800,000 bonus he was due on Dec. 31, 2009, was the reason he was fired. Leach has sued the university, ESPN and Craig James.

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